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PERIBATODES SECUNDARIA D. & S. [LEP. SELIDOSEMIDAE]
FEEDING AT RAGWORT. — On the night of August 1st, 1985, I was surprised to find a considerable number of moths feeding at ragwort flowers (*Senecio jacobaea*) in a ride of Orlestone Wood, Kent — surprised because ragwort seems to attract fewer moths than formerly, and also this plant is not common in the rides of these woods. The flowers had attracted vast numbers of the small Pyralid *Endotricha flammealis* Schiff. and about a score each of *P. secundaria* and *Miltochrista miniata* Forst. on two patches of ragwort each of a dozen or so plants, compared with only two or three of each species at an m.v. light in an adjacent ride. Other species at these flowers were *Eilema lurideola* Zinck., *E. deplana* Esp., *Cabera pusaria* L., *Apamea scolopacina* Esp., *Mesapamea secalis* L. and *Idaea biselata* Hufn., and singletons of *P. rhomboidaria* Schiff., *Semiothisa liturata* Clerck f. *nigrofulvata* Collins, *Noctua janthina* Esp. and *Mythimna impura* Hubn. Nearby patches of wood sage, rose-bay willowherb, knapweed, hogweed, thistles and rushes in flower were devoid of macrolepidoptera. I can find no previous reference to *secundaria* feeding at flowers in this country.
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MACROGLOSSUM STELLATARUM L. (HUMMING-BIRD HAWK-MOTH) IN DEVON — Single sightings of this moth at the north end of Slapton Sands, Devon, were made on 25 July, 21 August, 1 and 10 September 1985, at valerian flowers. The moth observed on 21 August laid two eggs on the seed head of valerian — one failing to hatch, and the other hatching after only 78 hours.
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